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READY AND WAITING Station
Manasquan Inlet, New Jersey, on a brisk winter day
Dec. 1.

Photo by BM1 Kenneth Seebeck, Station Manasquan



On The Cover Photo in the lens
by PA2 Luke Pinneo, more about this photo can
be found on page 30.

Steady at the Helm

Story by PA1 Mike O'Berry, CG Magazine

In typical fashion, the Coast Guard was defined in 2006 not by a single event, but by an unflinching adherence to "standing the watch."

Besides the major events, such as welcoming the 23rd Commandant Adm. Thad Allen and christening the fleet's first national security cutter, the Coast Guard steadily held its vigil as homeland defenders, thwarted a drug kingpin, introduced a new sidearm and starred in a major motion picture.

In fiscal year 2006, Coast Guard crews recorded another stellar counter-drug year, intercepting 287,035 pounds, or 143.5 tons, of cocaine. Crews also seized 9,059 pounds of marijuana.

One highlight was the capture of Mexican drug lord Francisco Javier Arellano-Felix in August. The suspected drug cartel kingpin is the leader of a major, violent gang known as the "Tijuana Cartel," which is responsible for digging elaborate tunnels under the U.S. border for smuggling drugs.

Also in fiscal year 2006, the Coast Guard saved 5,271 lives, responded to more than 250 oil spills over 100

gallons, conducted more than 10,000 port state control boardings and performed nearly 8,000 fishing vessel inspections. In 2006, the Coast Guard interdicted 6,093 illegal migrants.

The Coast Guard christened the CGC Bertholf on Nov. 11. The Bertholf is the service's first new high endurance cutter to be built in more than 35 years and is the fleet's new flagship vessel.

Another important milestone was reached Dec. 21 when the first HC-144A medium-range maritime patrol aircraft touched down at the Coast Guard Aviation Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The HC-144A is the first all-new aircraft delivered to the Coast Guard as part of the Deepwater Acquisition Program.

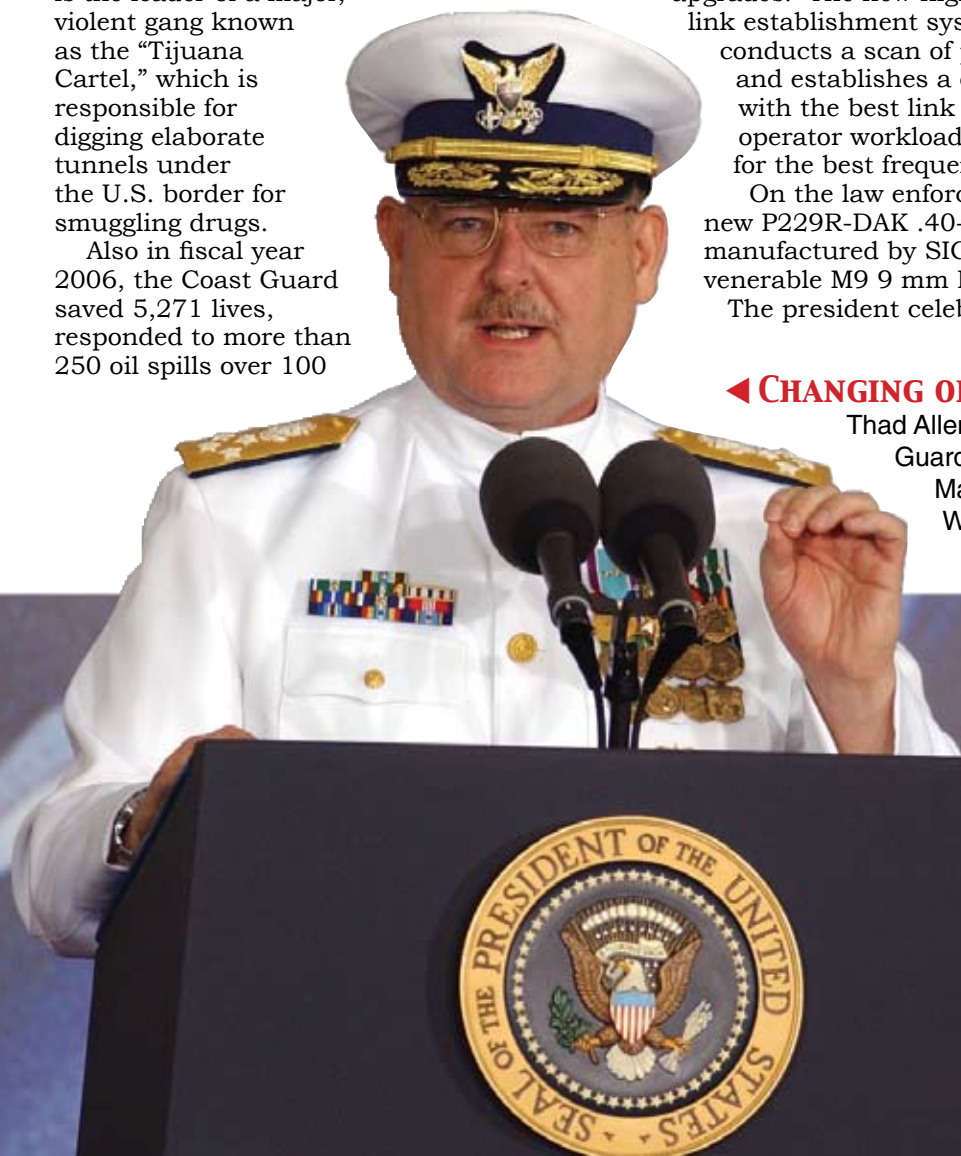
Also, Communication Area Master Stations (CAMS) received the second of three system upgrades. The new high frequency automatic link establishment system automatically conducts a scan of pre-defined frequencies and establishes a communication circuit with the best link quality, reducing the operator workload of manually searching for the best frequency.

On the law enforcement front, the new P229R-DAK .40-caliber handgun manufactured by SIGARMS, replaced the venerable M9 9 mm Beretta pistol.

The president celebrated the Coast

◀ CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Adm. Thad Allen speaks during the Coast Guard change of command May 25 at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.



▲ **HIGH FLYING DEEPWATER ASSET** A newly re-engined HH-65C helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City, N.J., flies low over the Atlantic Ocean Jan. 21.

Guard's Hurricane Katrina successes at the Commandant's Change of Command ceremony May 25 with the awarding of the Presidential Unit Citation to the entire Coast Guard workforce.

In his first speech as commandant, Allen said, "Whether it be among the oil platforms of the Persian Gulf or the rooftops of New Orleans, we strive for mission excellence to provide this country the security, the safety and the stewardship of our oceans demanded in an uncertain time and an often dangerous world. We cannot, nor will we, retreat from that commitment to mission execution."

Another Coast Guardsman reaching the stars was Capt. Dan Burbank, the Coast Guard's second astronaut, who took his second trip to space aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis Sept. 21.

On this trip, Burbank served as a mission specialist, flight engineer, lead robotics operator and even got the chance for his first spacewalk. In his description of his spacewalk, Burbank tossed around words such as

"tremendous," "exhilarating" and "exuberant."

Last fall, Touchstone Pictures released "The Guardian," the first movie in more than 50 years to be produced in a completely Coast Guard setting. Starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, the movie highlighted the Coast Guard rescue swimmer program, was filmed with the assistance of several Coast Guard units around the country and featured three Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technicians.


In sports, the Coast Guard Academy Bears reached a number of milestones in athletic competition.

The women's volleyball team was a standout. They became the first varsity team in Academy history to advance to the "Elite 8" in a NCAA Divisional championship tournament, by winning the NCAA Division III New England regional tournament as well as the new England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference regular season tournament championship. The Bears finished 26-3 overall and 8-1 in conference play.

The football team clinched the New England Football Conference Bogan Division championship and was invited to the ECAC Bowl after going undefeated in division play.

The women's cross country team also won their first ever NEWMAC championship, and the men's rugby team will defend their USA Rugby Division II National Championship title this spring.

As with every year, 2006 included more accomplishments than can be listed here. From international engagements, to launching the new 33-foot Special Purpose Craft small boat, to supporting the nation's urgent and growing energy needs by extensively analyzing the maritime safety and security of LNG and wind farm facility proposals, the Coast Guard continues to focus on mission execution.

On the following pages, you'll find a pictorial tribute to the Coast Guard's dedication to service. From graduation day at the Academy, to daring rescues, to life aboard a cutter at sea, we've tried to capture the essence of 2006. 

ROUTINE BOARDING A boarding team from the CGC Sycamore prepares to board the F/V Melina out of Old Harbor, Alaska, Jan. 19. The crew of the Melina was fishing for Tanner Crab in Kiliuda Bay off Kodiak Island.

Photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski, PADET Kodiak

WINTER





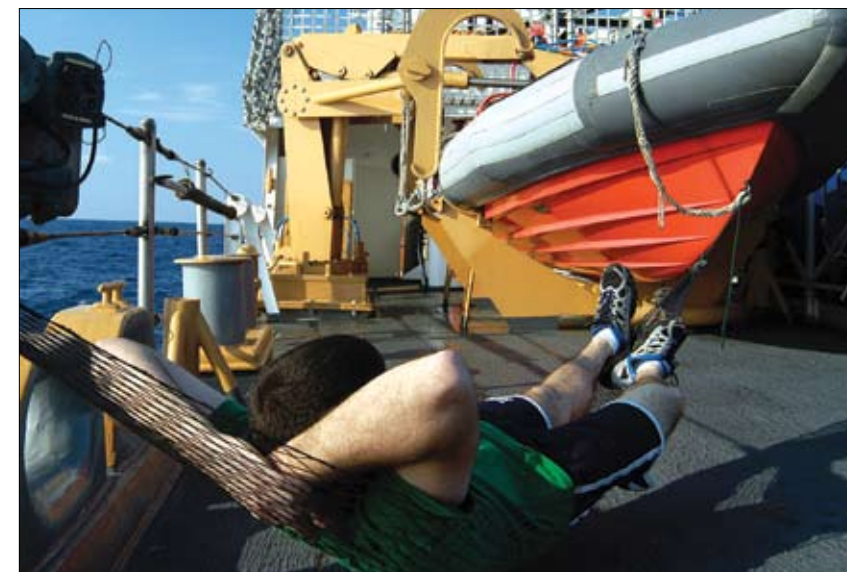
FORE-AND-AFT ATTACK The CGC Haddock serves as a platform for an interdiction demonstration for Defense Executive Leadership Development Program students in San Diego Jan. 7.

Photo by PH1 Michael Moriatis, U.S. Navy



◀ CUFF 'EM MKC Julio Suazo, standing left, translates to Colombian navy sailors as MKC Theodore Tarini and Lt. j.g. Marc McDonnell demonstrate handcuffing as a control technique during law enforcement training held at Naval Station Cartagena, Colombia, March 13.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, USCGR



◀ HOLIDAY ROUTINE A CGC Escanaba crewmember relaxes in a hammock on the ship's fantail March 19. Homeported in Boston, the 270-foot medium endurance cutter sailed 10,980 nautical miles during a 64-day counter-narcotics patrol in the southern Caribbean from Feb. 17 to April 19.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, USCGR

► **JOINT FORCE, ONE FIGHT** The CGC Wrangell rendezvous with the USS Ronald Reagan in the Persian Gulf March 8. During the three-hour encounter, the largest NAVCENT combatant treated the smallest to a close-up view of flight operations and much appreciated hospitality.

Photo by PHC Spike Call, U.S. Navy



◀ **FUEL FOR FLIGHT**

Three refueling team members (wearing purple) prepare the fuel hose for a hot refuel of an MH-68A HITRON helicopter aboard the CGC Escanaba March 1. The fourth crewmember, wearing a proximity suit and carrying a potassium bicarbonate (PKP) fire extinguisher, stands ready.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, USCGR

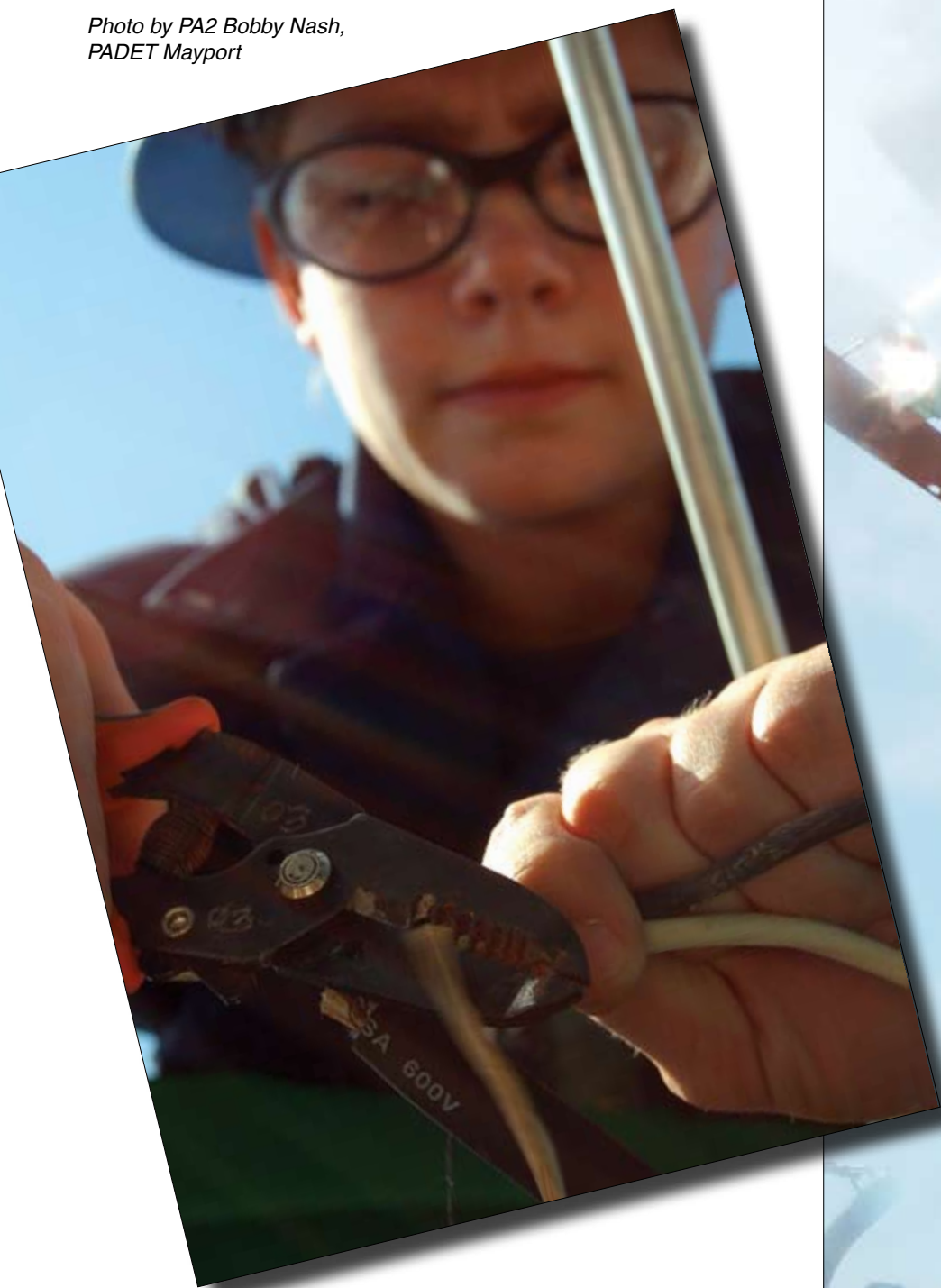
► **BALANCING ACT** Four members of the Honolulu aids to navigation team change a dayboard at Pohakuloa Point Light on the island of Lanai, Hawaii, March 11. Once a year the ATON team flies trucks and equipment to the outer islands to maintain the aids.

Photo by PA2 Brooksann Anderson, 14th Dist.



▼ **SNIP, SNIP** SN Mindy Nettles, stationed aboard the CGC Maria Bray, cuts insulation from several wires to prepare them for connection to a light that will be affixed atop a green buoy March 8. The Maria Bray is a 175-foot buoy tender that services aids to navigation along the East Coast of the 7th District.

*Photo by PA2 Bobby Nash,
PADET Mayport*



BELLY UP A boat crew aboard a 47-foot motor life boat from Station Port Canaveral, Fla., conducts hoist basket training about a mile off Cocoa Beach, Fla., with a helicopter from Air Station Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 17.

*Photo by PA1 Donnie Brzuska,
PADET Mayport*



▲ **UPLIFTING OPERATION** After completing a go-fast drill on Feb. 26, SN Dayron Lopez reaches for the CGC Escanaba's crane hoist to secure to the front of the over-the-horizon boat. Two hoists are attached to the OTH boat, lifting it in and out of a cradle that sits on the starboard side of the Escanaba.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, USCGR





◀ CHOW TIME

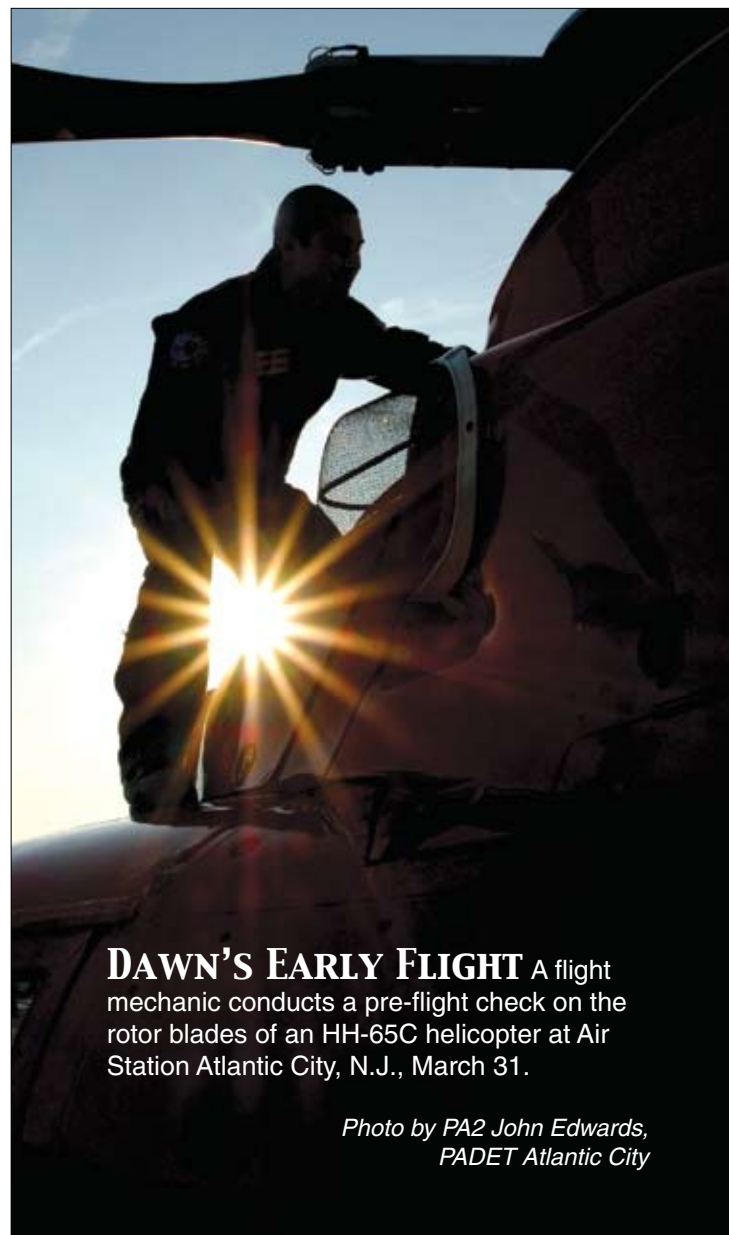
FS2 Martin Espinoza checks over the noon meal before serving the crew of the CGC Sturgeon Bay, homeported in Bayonne, N.J., while on patrol in New York Harbor March 22.

*Photo by PAC Tom Spurduto
PADET New York*



▲ **LEGAL LIMIT** BM1 Luis Catala takes measurements of lobsters off-loaded from the F/V Guardian at the Boston Fish Pier March 28. The 71-foot trawler, homeported in Boston, ran aground in the vicinity of Graves Light and began taking on water. Station Point Allerton responded to the distress call and brought the Guardian's crew and their vessel to the Boston Fish Pier.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, USCGR



DAWN'S EARLY FLIGHT A flight mechanic conducts a pre-flight check on the rotor blades of an HH-65C helicopter at Air Station Atlantic City, N.J., March 31.

*Photo by PA2 John Edwards,
PADET Atlantic City*



◀ **BOBBING BOATSWAINS** BMC Daniel Burke (left) and BM3 Bradley Latigue work on top of a buoy off Spruce Cape near Kodiak, Alaska, Jan. 16. Burke and Latigue were aboard the buoy to repair the extinguished light. Burke and Latigue are crewmembers of the CGC Sycamore, homeported in Cordova, Alaska.

Photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski, PADET Kodiak

▼ **AT SEA BOARDING** CGC Sycamore crewmembers Lt. j.g. Meaghan Mercer and DC1 Donald Spigelmyre review the results of an at sea commercial fishing vessel boarding with the captain of the F/V Melina outside Kodiak, Alaska, Jan. 16.

Photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski, PADET Kodiak





▲ **SEAFARING SPARKS** DC3
Steve Jacobs fabricates a metal bracket while aboard the CGC Bear March 30.

Photo by PA3 Kip Wadlow, LantArea

► **A FLYING FIRST** Lt. j.g.
Jeanine McIntosh, the first African-American female Coast Guard aviator, is assigned as a C-130 Hercules pilot at Air Station Barbers Point, Oahu, Hawaii.

Photo by PA2 Jennifer Johnson, 14th Dist.



◀ **A HELPING LIFT** Crews from the Kodiak Launch Complex unload equipment from an HH-60 helicopter at a remote location near Narrow Cape, Alaska, Feb. 14. The Jayhawk crew is from Air Station Kodiak. The KLC is owned and operated by the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation and provides integration, checkout and launch facilities to government and private organizations for rocket launches.

Photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski, PADET Kodiak

HANG TIME

AST3 Jon Ardan from Air Station Savannah, Ga., pulls AVT2 Jason Deger, wearing a yellow safety helmet, from the Atlantic Ocean during training off the Florida coast. Deger is acting as a victim or “duck” so Ardan can hone his rescue skills.

Photo by PA1 Donnie Brzuska, PADET Mayport





SOLEMN HONOR The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard conducts a military drill at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va., May 4.

Photo by PA1 Barry Lane, CG Imagery



▲ FUTURE COASTIE

Ben Sampson, 6, tries on a Coast Guard under-way helmet at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston April 21. Coast Guard Station Boston volunteered a crew and a 25-foot response boat to dock at the courthouse for a boat tour during the U.S. Attorney's Office annual "Bring Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day."

Photo by PA2 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.



TORCH TIME DC2 James Schulte welds a rod storage container to the deck of the new CGC Mackinaw April 26.

Photo by PA3 Matthew Schofield, 9th Dist.



◀ CAMOUFLAGED CREW

Port Security Unit 312 practices small boat operations on San Francisco Bay May 24. Each PSU has six fast and maneuverable transportable port security boats (TPSBs) outfitted with two-175 horsepower outboard engines.

Photo by Linda Vetter, Coast Guard Auxiliary



▲ **CRASH VICTIM** Coast Guard Firefighter Teresa Scott, AST3 Ben Cournia, Lt. Doug Atkins and AMT1 Wade Bryant carry a survivor from a helicopter to triage after a plane crash in Hallo Bay, Alaska, May 22. A DeHavilland Beaver float plane operated by Andrew Airways crashed in Hallo Bay with six people on board. The Coast Guard rescue coordination center in Juneau, Alaska, received the call about the downed aircraft and dispatched aircrews from Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak to respond.

Photo by PA1 Paul Roszkowski, PADET Kodiak

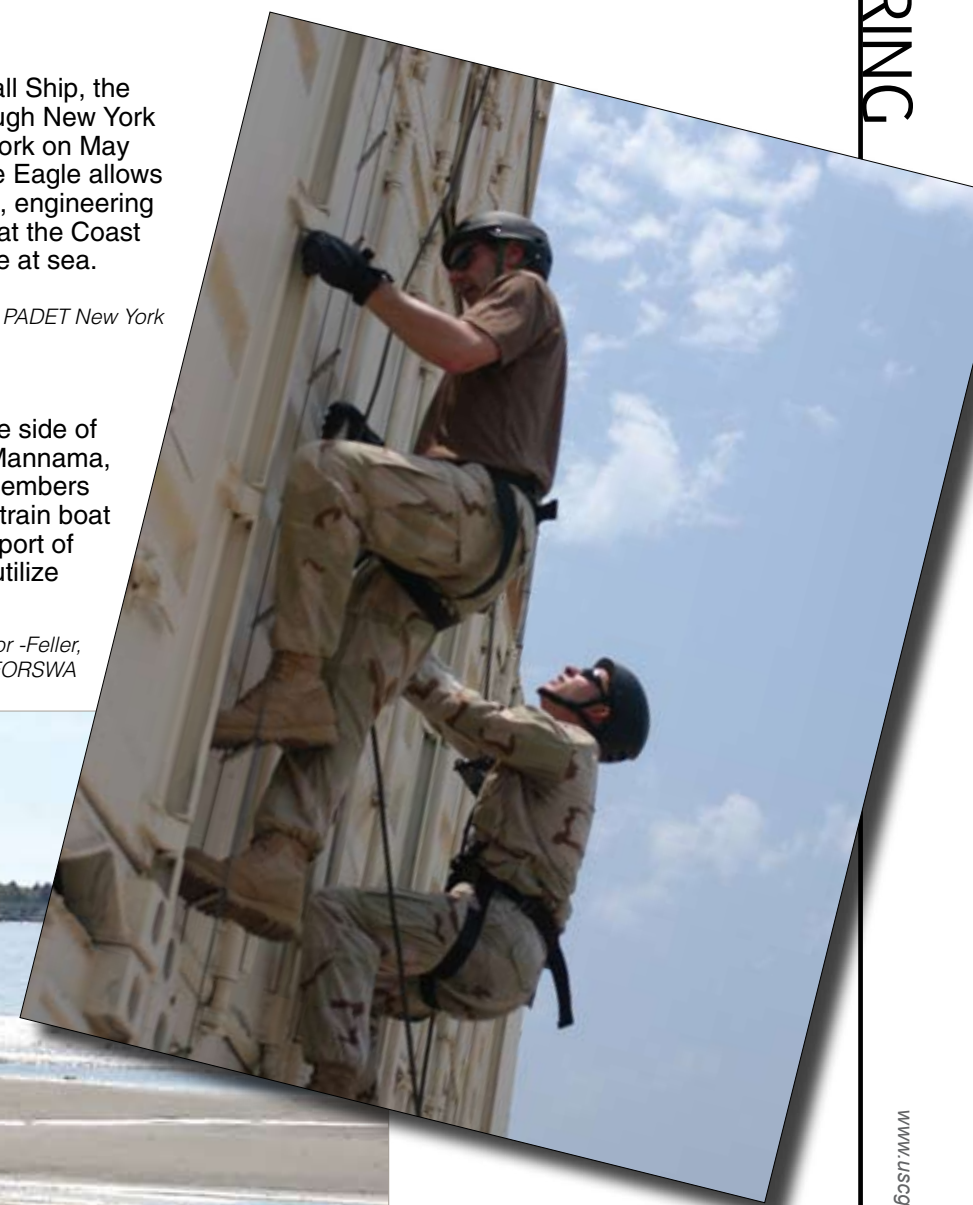


◀ **AQUEOUS FANFARE** America's Tall Ship, the 295-foot Coast Guard Barque Eagle, sails through New York Harbor on May 8. The Eagle returned to New York on May 11th to help kick-off the Volvo Ocean Race. The Eagle allows future officers the ability to apply the navigation, engineering and leadership training they receive in classes at the Coast Guard Academy to the real-life challenges of life at sea.

Photo by PA2 Mike Lutz, PADET New York

▶ **TACTICAL ASCENT** Members of Tactical Law Enforcement Team South scale the side of tanker containers at the training compound in Mannama, Bahrain, June 6 during a demonstration. The members of the LEDET were on a 90-day deployment to train boat crewmembers from the cutters deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and get underway to utilize their tactical training.

Photo by PA2 Allyson Taylor -Feller, PATFORSWA



TAIL-WAGGING RESCUE A Coast Guard air crewmember escorts the pilot and his dog from a downed Cessna toward a waiting HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter on Montague Island, Alaska, June 2. The Cessna crashed when the engine suffered a malfunction, the nose wheel caught hard and the plane flipped over just short of the island's landing strip.

Coast Guard photo courtesy of Air Station Support Facility Cordova, Alaska

COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

New Coast Guard ensigns celebrate after graduating May 17 from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

Photo by Telfair H. Brown, Sr., CG Imagery



▼ **HEAVY LOAD** Crewmembers from the CGC Venturous load hoist netting with bales of cocaine during a drug offload April 7 in St. Petersburg, Fla. The 103 bales, worth an estimated \$200 million, were interdicted from a vessel off the coast of Honduras by the CGC Escanaba and then transferred to the CGC Spencer. Spencer then transferred the contraband to Venturous for offload.

Photo by PA1 Tasha Tully,
PADET St. Pete.





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▲ **NEW FAMILIARIZING** Two new 33-foot special purpose craft from Coast Guard Station South Padre Island, Texas, pause briefly during familiarization training on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The new boats have a top speed of over 50 knots and are intended to enhance the station's law enforcement capabilities.

Photo by PA2 Adam Eggers, PADET Houston

▲ **DIRTY WORK** BM3 Michael Gagne performs routine maintenance on a buoy aboard the CCG Abbie Burgess in Rockland, Maine, June 21.

Photo by PA3 Lauren Downs, 1st Dist.

▶ **DO-IT-YOURSELF** DC2 Matt Ranger of Sector Jacksonville, Fla., installs a machine gun mount on the bow of a 47-foot motor life boat April 25.

Photo by PA1 Donnie Brzuska, PADET Mayport



SUMMER

PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF CGC Midgett flight deck crews race to safety positions during a safety evaluation and certification Aug. 8. The 378-foot high endurance cutter, homeported in Seattle, was preparing for a Western Pacific deployment with the sailors and Marines of Expeditionary Strike Group 5.

Photo by PA2 Mariana O'Leary, PacArea



► **GUNNING IT** A member of Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team Galveston, Texas, engages a role player during a security drill in Galveston Aug. 30. Crewmembers fired blanks during multiple gun fights both on the water and on the pier.

Photo by PA2 Adam Eggers, PADET Houston

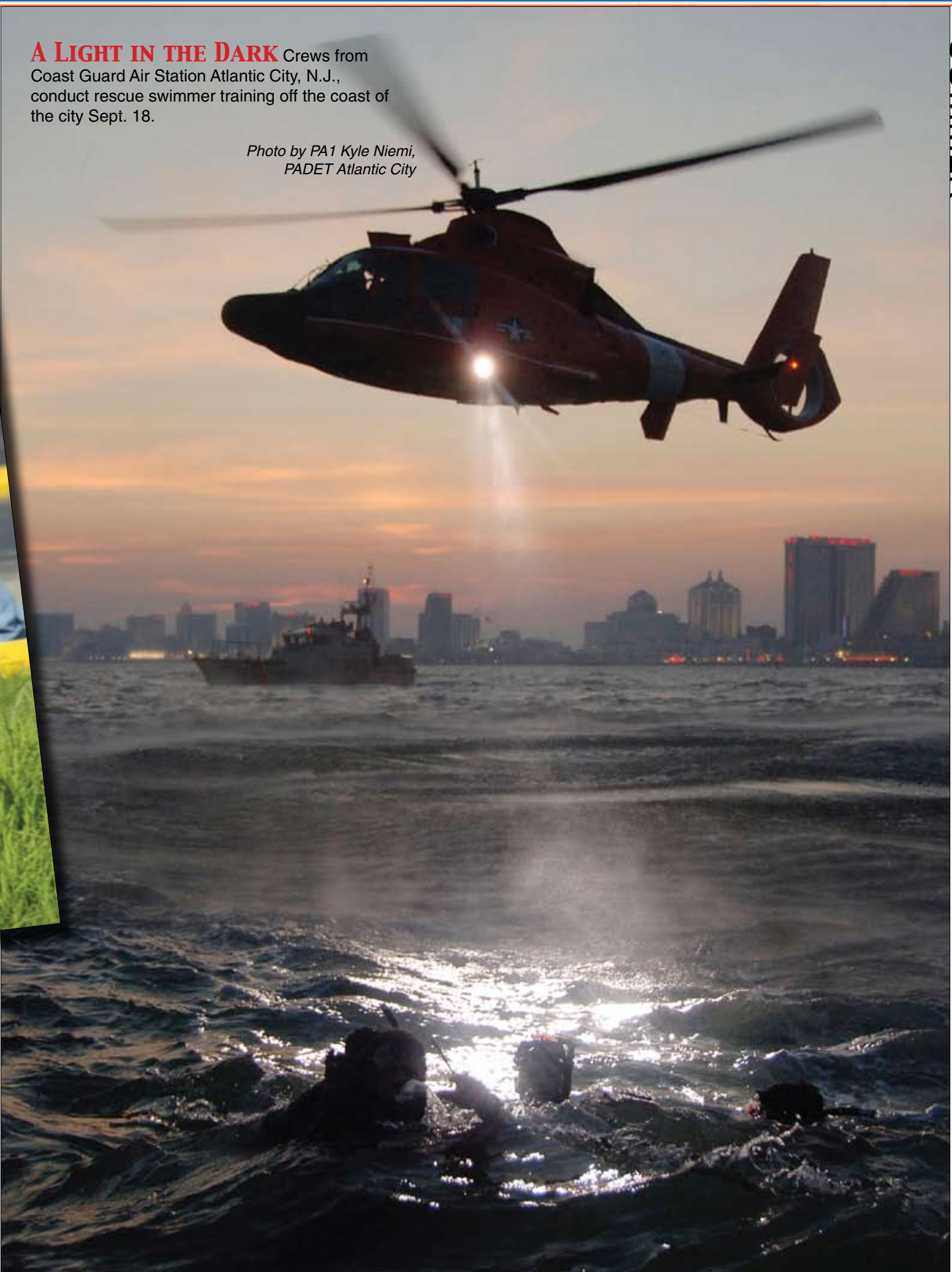
▼ **HANGING IN THERE** After a brief dip the in Atlantic Ocean, ASTC Harold Hoffmaster is hoisted back into an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter during a swimming training exercise near Woods Hole, Mass., Sept. 28.

Photo By PA2 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.



A LIGHT IN THE DARK Crews from Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, N.J., conduct rescue swimmer training off the coast of the city Sept. 18.

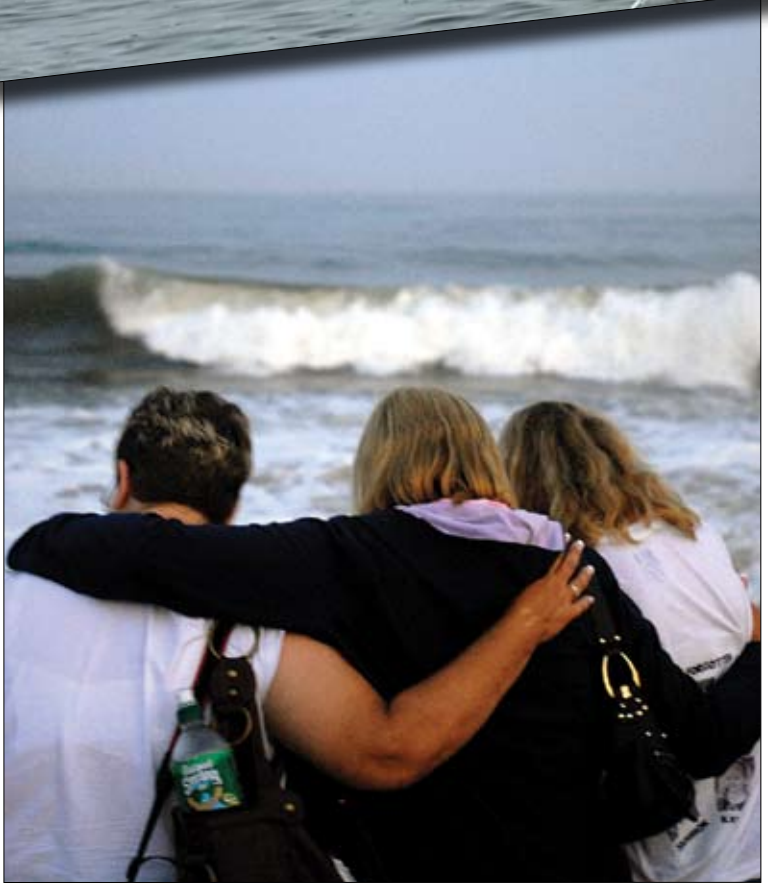
Photo by PA1 Kyle Niemi, PADET Atlantic City





▲ **CHILD'S PLAY** Five children from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, along with members of their American host families, are treated to a boat ride by Coast Guard Station Gloucester, Mass., July 11. The children are living with families in the Boston area while they are treated for various medical problems caused by radiation from the 1986 explosion of the Chernobyl, Ukraine, nuclear power plant.

Photo by PA3 Lauren Downs, 1st Dist.



◀ **WAVES OF EMOTION** Family members remember their loved ones at the 10th Anniversary of TWA Flight 800 Ceremony at Smith Point County Park in Shirley, N.Y., July 17. Flight 800 was a TWA passenger flight that disintegrated while flying from John F. Kennedy International Airport, N.Y., to Charles de Gaulle International Airport, Paris, France, in July of 1996, killing all 230 aboard.

Photo by PA3 Angelia Rorison, PADET New York



▲ **STAR GAZING** Actors Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher visit Alameda, Calif., Aug. 28 to recognize local Coast Guard heroes and to promote the movie "The Guardian." Both actors, who portray rescue swimmers in the movie, praised and thanked the entire Coast Guard for their brave and courageous service. Crewmembers on the CGC Munro watch from above.

Photo by PA1 Alan Haraf, 11th Dist.



◀ **FLARING UP** MK1 Dominic Montessi lights a smoke flare signaling the beginning of the 81st annual Chincoteague pony swim in Chincoteague, Va., July 26.

Photo by PA3 Kip Wadlow, LantArea



▲ HOP ABOARD

MK3 Aldomoro Nelson and FN Clifford Sambrook, both assigned to Coast Guard Station Cape May, N.J., help kids into a rescue boat on the grounds of Cape May Elementary School Aug. 1. The 25-foot response boat was on display as part of the 23rd Annual National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

*Photo By PA1 Kyle Niemi,
PADET Atlantic City*



SPEED BUMP While providing a security perimeter, a Coast Guard 25-foot response boat is flanked by two tugs as the liquid natural gas tanker Berge Boston is moored to the pier at an LNG facility in Boston Sept. 8.

Photo By PA2 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.



▲ READY TO FLY

AST2 Michael Spencer of HITRON Jacksonville prepares to board a Coast Guard helicopter aboard the CGC Hamilton Aug. 15. Spencer was deployed to the Hamilton in support of a drug interdiction patrol.

*Photo by
PA3 Mary Larkin T. Jones,
PADET San Diego*



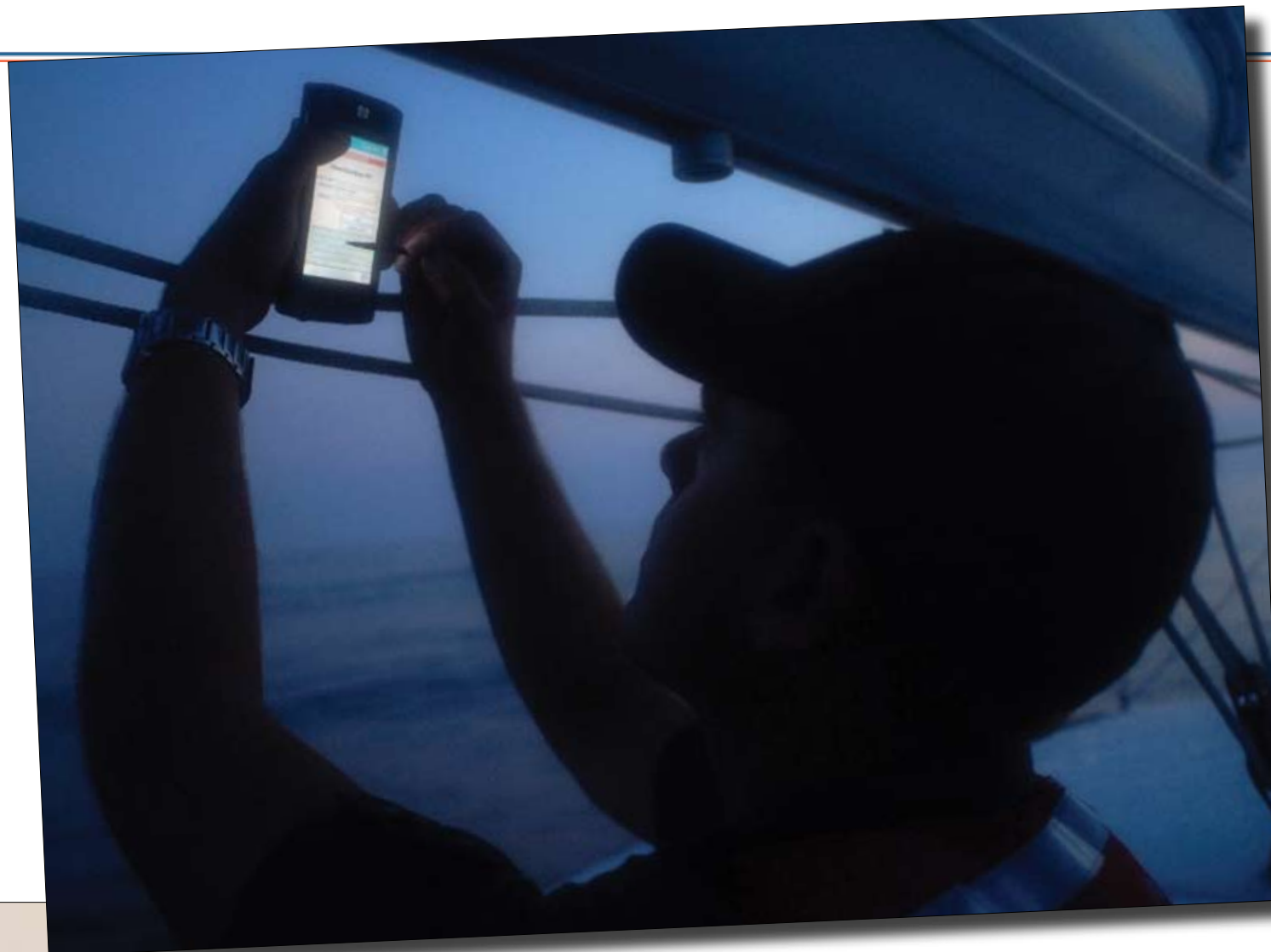


◀ **GO BEARS** Second Class Cadet Nick Hartmann runs onto the field carrying a Coast Guard Ensign before the Coast Guard Academy's football game against Massachusetts Maritime Academy Sept. 30 in New London, Ct. The ensign flew aboard the CGC Maui while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Maui's executive officer and former Bears football player, Lt. Brian Whisler, sent the ensign to Hartmann, who ran onto the field with it before each of the Bears' games last season. The Bears won 41-0 en route to a 8-3 record and their first ever New England Football Conference Bogan Division championship.

*Photo by PA2 Mike Lutz,
PADET New York*

▼ **PAINT BY NUMBER** SN Joshua S. Klunder paints the hull of the CGC Mohawk while they are moored in Manta, Ecuador, Aug. 17.

*Photo by PA2 Mike Lutz,
PADET New York*



▲ **EVENING REVIEW** BM3 Dan Heitzer of Coast Guard Station Atlantic City reviews boarding documentation Aug. 16 during the boarding of the sailing vessel Valour.

*Photo by PA1 Kyle Niemi,
PADET Atlantic City*

◀ **SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE** Patrol Forces Southwest Asia commodore, Capt. Daniel McClellan, gives a tour of the Coast Guard training facility in Manama, Bahrain, to an Iraqi coast guard admiral July 12.

*Photo by
PA2 Allyson Taylor-Feller,
PATFORSWA*





TURN-TO BM2 John Hemphill, of the Aids to Navigation Team N.Y., directs the lifting of a buoy aboard a stern-loading, buoy boat underway for seasonal buoy change-outs Dec. 12. The ATON team changes the buoys twice a year in the Port of New York and New Jersey.

Photo by PAC Tom Sperduto, PADET New York

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◀ RIVER BOAT CAPTAIN

GM2 Mike Sawicki, along with a boat crew from Maritime Safety and Security Team 91104, from Galveston, Texas, keep watch over 16 riverboats as well as the viewing public during the Ohio, Kentucky Tall Stacks festival Oct. 8.

Photo by PA2 Kelly Turner, USCGR



▲ **WALK IT OFF** Frank Griner of Ocean County, N.J., is transferred from a rescue helicopter to EMS at the Atlantic City International Airport Oct. 3. Griner was airlifted by the Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City rescue helicopter crew after the crash of his airplane about a half-mile north of the Hammonton Municipal Airport.

Photo by PA1 Kyle Niemi, PADET Atlantic City



DEPUTY DAWG MK2 Shane Coleman of Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108, from Kingsbay, Ga., lowers his dog Ferro from a training tower. This is how Coleman would get Ferro aboard a ship to search for explosives.

Photo by PA1 Donnie Brzuska, PADET Mayport





▲ **DON'T LOOK DOWN** AMT1 William Green, Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., guides MST2 Peter Salatino, Sector New York Tactical Operations Division, out of an HH-60 helicopter's door during vertical insertion training at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., Nov. 16.

Photo by PA2 Dan Bender, PADET New York



◀ **ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT**

Crewmembers from Air Station Los Angeles swim out to a life raft during water survival training Oct. 19.

Photo Courtesy of Tina Epperson

▼ **LOCKED AND LOADED** BM2 Andrea Toledo, a crewmember from Station San Diego, aims an M224 tactical light machine gun during security operations in the port of San Diego Dec. 4. Station San Diego provides security for Port San Diego. The Port serves as a transshipment facility for the region, which includes San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial counties, plus northern Baja California, Arizona and points east.

Photo by PA3 Mary Larkin Jones, PADET San Diego





WE'RE HERE TO PUMP YOU UP Crewmembers aboard the CGC Marcus Hannah inflate an oil containment boom for the Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System during an oil spill training exercise in Casco Bay, Maine, Oct. 4. VOSS can be affixed to virtually any vessel in an area affected by an oil spill and is designed to skim oil off the surface of the water and transfer it to an inflatable barge.

Photo by PA3 Lauren Downs, 1st Dist.

► **ARMED IN OMAN** BM1

Andrew Daly keeps a sharp lookout while conducting an investigative boarding off the coast of Oman. The CGC Midgett had been deployed since September and is one of many U.S. and coalition ships supporting Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, which conducts operations in the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Photo by PA2 Mariana O'Leary, PacArea



FRESH WATER WASH DOWN A 41-foot utility boat goes through heavy weather training on Lake Erie Nov. 11.

Photo by SN Angela Henderson, Station Lorain, Ohio





▲ **READY ON THE PIER** MK1 Kenneth Kimball stands ready to pass a bow line to the incoming 47-foot motor lifeboat crew at Merrimack River in Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 6.

Photo by PA2 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.

► **CHART CORRECTIONS** BM3 Luis Cabrera corrects a nautical chart Oct. 6 at Station New Orleans. Unlike road maps, nautical charts are often corrected because the position of objects, such as buoys, often changes with tides and currents.

Photo by PA1 NyxoLyno Cangemi, 8th Dist.



◀ **SPECIAL DELIVERY** Lt. j.g. Sarah Geoffrion passes a box of donated books to FN Darryl Brown at the South Street Seaport in New York Oct. 28 as part of the First Book program.

Photo by PA3 Dan Bender, PADET New York

▼ **SANTA'S NEW SLEIGH** Santa Claus, played by Auxiliarist Gary Johnson, arrives at Air Station Houston to visit Coast Guard families Dec. 2. Santa chose to arrive via HH-65C to hand out presents to the children this year instead of his usual reindeer and sleigh.

Photo by PA3 Mario Romero, PADET Houston





▲ LANDMARK MOVES TO JERSEY

Maritime Safety and Security Team 91110, from Boston, provides a security zone around the USS Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum as it transits to Bayonne for repairs Dec. 5. The Intrepid moved for the first time in 25 years and will undergo repairs for the next two years.

Photo by PA3 Angelia Rorison, PADET New York

► FORD'S FINAL FAREWELL

A ceremonial honor guard carries the casket of former President Gerald R. Ford at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Dec. 30 as part of the national farewell funeral procession honoring the former commander in chief.

Photo by Telfair H. Brown Sr., CG Imagery



PERFECTING PERFORMANCE AMT2 Logan McLaughlin guides a rescue basket being hoisted by an HH-65 helicopter during a training exercise near the Port of Los Angeles Oct. 20.

Photo by PA2 Prentice Danner, 11th Dist.

SHIELD OF FREEDOM CGC Pea Island, a 110-foot patrol boat, and an Air Station Clearwater HH-60 helicopter patrol in front of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in St. Petersburg, Fla., June 8.

Photo by PA1 Tasha Tully PADET St. Petersburg

